THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The allocations of rice and wheat to West Bengal during January-March, '88 have been as follows; —

(000' tonnes)

	January '88	February '88	March '88
Rice.	125	110	100
Wheat.	126	126	100

The allcations of rice and wheat to the various StatesjUnion Territories including West Bengal have foeen rationalised, keeping in view various factors such as the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs of various States, availability in the open market, trends in offtake etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) It has not been found possible to increase the allocations.

Drought Prone Zones

3354. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have cate gorised various districts or zones as drou ght prone and if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) Whether Government have drawn any action plan for drought prone dis tricts so as to effectively counter the situa tions of drought and if so, what are the details of such plans;

(c) whether it is a fact thfct a greater number of population is facing drinking water problem than that at the begin ning of this decade;

(d) if so, how may people are facia drinking water problem and how does it compare with the figures as On 1st January 1981; and

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(e) the money spent since 1st January, 1981 till date for providing drinking water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) 615 Blocks of 91 Districts in 13 States have been identified as drought prone and covered under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP). List of Districts and States covered under the Programme is given as Statement I *(See* below).

(b) Action Plans for effectively countering the situations of drought are drawn up by the State Governments concerned 'and also now sanctioned by them. The Central Government have laid down guide lines for preparing these action plans. The thrust of (Sie programme is on activities which contribute directly to drought proofing and restoration of ecological balance such as soil and moisture conservation, land shaping and development, water resources conservation and development, afforestation and pastures, fodder and grass-rand development, State Governments have been advised that these activities should account for at least 75 per cent of the annual 'allocation for the prgoramme in the State. It has also been emphasized that activities aimed at harmonious land and water management should be taken up on a mini-micro watershed basis with a view to have desirable impact on the environment.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) A statement is enclosed as Statement-II regarding releases and reported expenditure by States under the Centrally Sponsord Accelerated Rural Water Sup-Ply Programme (ARWSP) and provision and reported expenditure under State Sector Minimum Needs Pogramm* (MNP).

Statement - I

Coverage of Blocks under DPAP during the Seventh Plan

State	District	No. of Blocks
1 *Andhra Pradesh*	1 Anantapur	16
	2 Kurnool	13
	3 Chittoor	8
		6
	5 Mehboobnagar	12
	6 Prakasam/.	9
	7 Rangareddyj	3
	8 Nalgonda.	
TOTAL		69
2 *Bihar*		24
	2 Monghyr.	7
	3 Rohtas	7
	4 Nawadah.	9
	 7	
TOTAL	5	54
3 *Gujarat*	. 1 Ahmedabad	2
	2 Rajkotj.	5
	3 Kutch . . . 7	
	4 Amreli	
	5 Jamnagar.	2
	6 Surendranagar	9
	.....	3
	8 Panchmahal 7	
TWAL	3	43
4 *Har tuna*	1 Mohindergarh	9
5 Jammu & Kashmir	.....	8
	2 Udhampur	5
ToTal	2	13

State	District	No. of Blocks
6 *Karnataka*	1 Bijapur	11
	2 Tumkur	6
	3 Dharwar	14
	4 Belgaun	4
	5 Kolar	9
	6 Bidar	3
	7 Chikamagalur	.
	8 Chitraaurga	6
	9 Gulbarga. 10 Bellary	[8] 5
	11 Raichur	4
TOTAL	11	71
7 *Madhya Pradesh*	1 Betul 2 Shahdol	8 6
	3 Khargone.	7
	4 Dhar	8
	5 Jhabua	12
	6 Sidhi.	8
TOTAL	6	49
8 *Maharashtra*	1 Ahmednagar	10
	2 Sangli	6
	3 Jalna	
	4 Dhule	4
	5 Aurangabad	6
	6 Sholapur 7 Jalgaon	10
	8 Nasik	5 10
	9 Satara	4
	10 Beed	6
	11 Osmanabad	3 9
TOTAL	12	74

State	District	No, of Blocks
9 *Orissa*	1 Phulbani.	14
	2 Kalahandi	. II
	3 Bolangir	8
	4 Sambalpur.	6
		39
TOTAL	4	
10 *Rajasthan.*		3
	2 Dungarpur	5
		8
	4 Ajmer	2
	5 Sawai Madhopur	2
	6 Tonk	3
	7 Kota.	4
		i
TOTAL	8	30
11 *Tamil Nadu*	. 1 Dharmapuri	12
	2 Pudukottai .	4
	3 Ramanathpuram .	7
	4 Pusumpon-Muthuramallngam	6
	5 Kamrajar.	5
	6 Chidambarnar	3
	7 Tirunelveli	1
TOTAL	7	43

State		District		No. of Blocks
12	*Uttar Pradesh.*	1 Mirzapur.	10	
		2 Hamirpur.	5	
		3 Jalaun	... 3	
		4 Bandr	10	
		5 Allahabad.	1	
		6 Jhansi	3	
			... 14	
		8 Lalitpur	... 2	
		9 Lakhimpurkheri	2	
		10 Sitapur	... 3	
		11 Gonda	4	
		12 Chamoli	4	
		13 Pauri Garhwal.	10	
		14 Tehri Garhwal		3
		15 Almora	8	
		16 Pithoragarh	5	
	TOTAL	16	87	
13	*West Bengal.*	1 Bankura.		7
		2 Midnapur,	7	
		3 Purulia	*20*	
	TOTAL	3	34	
GRAND TOTAL				
3 *States*		91 *{Districts)*		*6lS(J3heks)*

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Keleases\Proois'on and Expenditure Wider A&. W3T an I MNP (Stale Sector)

(Rs. in crores)

Year	ARWSP		MNP (State Sector)	
	Releases by States/ UTs.	Reported Expenditure	Provision	Reported Expenditure
1981-82	109. 02	120. 32	248. 16'	275•94
1982-83	150. 81	179. 50	260. 74	323. 15
1983-84	263. 82	224-55	324. 30	391-95
1984-85	297. 82	269. 76	367-50	372. 16
1985-86	296. 34	246. 50	426-55	405. 86
1986-87	289. 46	322. 44	475. 50	451. 54
1987-88 (upto date)	374. 62	222. 81	512. 26	304. 1]

Notice to NAFED for Demurrage Charges

3355. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it i_s a fact that the Bombay Port Trust have issued a notice to the NAFED demanding demurrage charges of about Rs. 76. 00 lakhs or so and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(b) what action the NAFED have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. NAFED had imported 2, 500 tonnes of White Cement during 1984. The entire stock of cement was sold on high-seas to M|s. Anmol Trading Corporation, Ahmedabad. The party lifted 2000 tonnes out of total stock of 2500 tonnes. As the party failed to lift the balance stock of 500 tonnes, Bombay Port Trust (BPT) sold these stocks in auction and issued a notice for claiming demurrage charges of Rs. 76. 00 lakh to NAFED on the balance stoclc of 500 tonnes.

(b) Since NAFED had sold entire stock of cement to M|s. Anmol Trading Corporation, NAFED has advised BPT to realise the demurrage charges from the above-said party.

Construction of Flats for Central Government Employees in Bombay

3356. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to stale;

(a) whether it is a fact that the scarcity of Government accommodation for Central Government employees in Bombay is very acute;

(b) whether the Directorate of Estates have recently made a survey to find out vacant plots in Bombay for construction of flats for the Central Government employees; and